

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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As of 1 April 1953 the following military units were located in Oravita:

1. The 5 Infantry Regiment is quartered in the Stefan Plavat Barracks, Calea Aninei 4-6.  
Commander: Colonel Marcu Olteanu.  
Strength: 19 officers, 89 noncommissioned officers, 420 men. Divided into two battalions of four companies each, each company with four light ZB machine guns. Men belong to the classes 1930 to 1934. Not motorized.  
Shoulder boards are decorated in red. [REDACTED] This unit is still in a state of organization. 25X1
2. The 7 Grenadier Regiment. The headquarters and technical company are located in the Gheorghiu Dej Barracks, Piata Libertatii 7.  
Commander: Colonel Florian Banescu.  
Strength: 26 officers, 165 noncommissioned officers, 780 men. Divided into three battalions of four companies each plus the technical company. The 1 Battalion at Iam, 24 km west of Oravita, 2 Battalion at Vrani, 16 km west of Oravita, 3 Battalion at Varadia, 11 km northwest of Oravita, with a reserve and replacement battalion at Bocsa Romana.  
Shoulder boards are decorated in light green, [REDACTED] 25X1
3. The 8 Mountain Infantry Regiment is quartered in the Julius si Ethel Rosenberg Barracks, on the extension of Strada Cacovei, about 350 m south of the Oravita railroad station.  
Commander: Lt. Col. Barbu Lungu.  
Strength: About 700 men. Divided into two battalions of four companies each, and a staff company containing communications, technical and staff platoons. Each company has four light ZB machine guns and four heavy type 34 German machine guns. Men belong to the classes 1930 to 1934. Not motorized.  
Shoulder boards are decorated in dark green.

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4. The 26 Armored Regiment.  
 Commander: Colonel Dimitru Oltean.  
 Strength: About 500 men. Divided into two battalions, each with four companies.  
 Each company is equipped with five T-34/85s and three SP SU-122s. Men are from the classes 1930 to 1932.  
 Shoulder boards are black with bright red decoration.  
 The regimental staff is at Cacova, 12 km northwest of Oravita, 1 Battalion at Ticvaniu-Mic, 10 km northwest of Oravita, and 2 Battalion at Marceni, 12 km northwest of Oravita. [REDACTED]
  5. The 15 Armored Regiment.  
 Commander: Colonel Arcadie Stanculescu.  
 Strength: About 500 men. Divided into two battalions of four companies each.  
 Each company has eight T-34/85s.  
 Shoulder boards are black, with bright red decoration. Regimental staff is at Racajdia, 7 km south of Oravita, 1 Battalion at Ciclova-Romana, 4 km southeast of Oravita, 2 Battalion at Ciuchici, 11 km southwest of Oravita.
  6. The 8 Infantry Regiment.  
 Commander: Colonel Vasile Nicora.  
 Strength: About 550 men. Divided into two battalions of four companies each.  
 Each company has four light machine guns, Degtyarev type, and two heavy Maxim type machine guns. Men belong to the classes 1930 to 1934. Not motorized; machine guns on horse-drawn carts.  
 Shoulder boards are decorated lemon-yellow. Regimental staff and 1 Battalion are located at Doclin, 28 km north of Oravita, and 2 Battalion at Dognecea, 25 km northwest of Oravita.
  7. The 32 Artillery Regiment.  
 Commander: Colonel Eugen Balalescu or Balacescu.  
 Strength: About 450 men. Divided in two battalions of four batteries each; four 122 mm howitzers to a battery. Motorized. Quartered in the Tudor Vladimirescu Barracks, Strada Ciclovei, Oravita.
  8. All the units mentioned above are tactically under the 11 Armored Division, whose headquarters are in Oravita, Piata Stalin 6. The divisional commander is Major General Emil Urtila.
  9. Part of the 4 Soviet Mechanized Division is in the Oravita area.
  10. Attached is a sketch of Oravita showing the location of some units and military installations.

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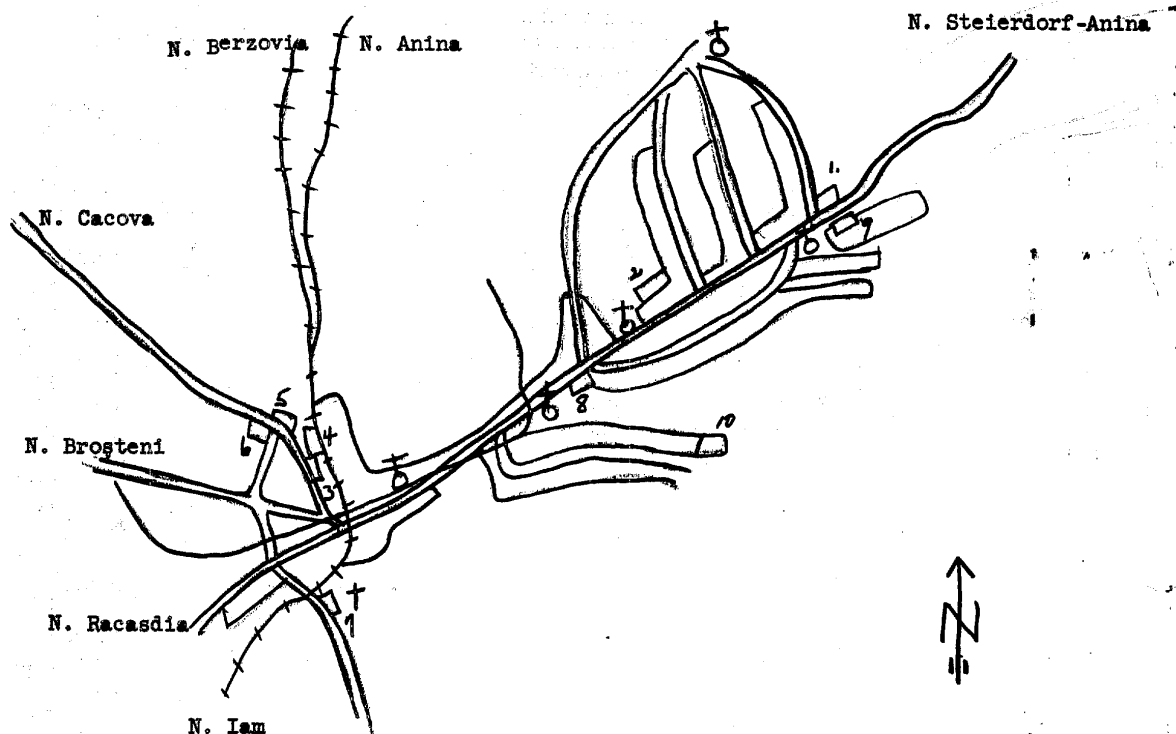
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Sketch map of Oravița



Captions:

1. 5 Infantry Regiment
  2. 7 Grenadier Regiment
  3. 8 Mountain Infantry Regiment
  4. Oravița Railroad Station
  5. Quartermaster's stores
  6. Munitions dump
  7. 32 Artillery Regiment
  8. Postal, telegraph and telephone administration
  9. Electrical power station
  10. Powder factory
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